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SUBJECT: NPT REVIEW CONFERENCE

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1. WE APPRECIATE MISSION'S COMMENTS AND SUGGESTIONS REGARDING INCLUSION OF SWEDEN AND MEXICO IN CONFERENCE PREPARATIONS AND POSSIBLE IAEA ROLE AT NPT CONFERENCE. WE ASSUME MISSION WILL CONTINUE TO FOLLOW AND REPORT DEVELOPMENTS RELATING TO CONFERENCE. WE WOULD WELCOME MISSION'S ANALYSIS OF SUBSTANTIVE ISSUES, PARTICULARLY THOSE RELATED TO IAEA, THAT MIGHT BE RAISED AT CONFERENCE.

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2. MISSION IS AUTHORIZED TO DISCUSS WITH UK AND SOV REPS

US VIEWS AS SET FORTH IN AUGUST 1973 POSITION PAPER FOR CCD, INDICATING, HOWEVER, THAT WE PREFER TO FOCUS CONSULTATIONS IN CCD AND UNGA.

3. MISSION SHOULD AVOID ANY IMPLICATION TO UK OR SOV REPS THAT WE HAVE MADE DECISION IN FAVOR OF ANY SPECIFIC PROCEDURES ANALYZED IN POSITION PAPER, OR THAT WE ARE MAKING SPECIFIC PROPOSALS AT THIS STAGE. IMMEDIATE OBJECTIVE OF OUR CONSULTATIONS WITH OTHER DEPOSITARIES IS

(AS STATED IN POSITION PAPER, PAGE 4) TO ASCERTAIN WHETHER THEY AGREE THAT: IT IS DESIRABLE TO PROCEED PROMPTLY WITH CONFERENCE; DEPOSITARIES SHOULD PLAY ACTIVE ROLE BUT PROCEED AS MUCH AS POSSIBLE BY CONSENSUS AND IN CONSULTATION WITH OTHERS; DECISIONS ON PREPARATIONS AND ORGANIZATION OF CONFERENCE SHOULD BE DEFERRED UNTIL FURTHER CONSULTATIONS HAVE BEEN HELD.

4. CONSISTENT WITH THIS APPROACH, POSITION PAPER DOES NOT, AS INDICATED PARAGRAPH 1 REFTTEL, PROPOSE THAT DEPOSITARIES SHOULD CO-SPONSOR RESOLUTION AT UNGA OR THAT RESOLUTION SHOULD ESTABLISH A PREPARATORY COMMISSION. PAPER STATES THAT "WE WOULD EXPECT TO COOPERATE WITH UK, USSR, AND OTHER KEY PARTIES AT UNGA IN SEEKING A NON-CONTROVERSIAL PROCEDURAL RESOLUTION," LEAVING OPEN QUESTION OF SPONSORSHIP AND SUBSTANCE OF RESOLUTION. ALTHOUGH WE WOULD NOT EXCLUDE POSSIBILITY OF RESOLUTION ALONG LINES SUGGESTED IN REFTTEL, WE WOULD WISH FIRST TO EXPLORE POSSIBILITIES OF SIMPLE PROCEDURAL RESOLUTION SPONSORED BY SUBSTANTIAL NUMBER OF NPT PARTIES AND OTHERS. WE WILL PROBABLY PREFER TO AVOID ANY REFERENCE IN RESOLUTION TO PREPARATORY COMMISSION ON GROUNDS THAT CONFERENCE PREPARATIONS ARE MATTER FOR NPT PARTIES TO DECIDE.

5. WE FULLY AGREE WITH MISSION THAT IAEA PROVISION OF CONFERENCE SECRETARIAT AT UN EXPENSE COULD BE ADVANTAGEOUS. HOWEVER, CONSISTENT WITH APPROACH OUTLINED IN PARAGRAPH 3 ABOVE, WE WOULD PREFER TO CONSULT OTHER DEPOSITARIES AND KEY NPT PARTIES BEFORE DECIDING WHETHER WE FAVOR SUCH AN ARRANGEMENT. IN ANY CASE, WE HAVE NOT

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DETERMINED THAT USE OF IAEA STAFF WOULD REQUIRE EXPLICIT AUTHORIZATION BY UNGA, AS IMPLIED IN PARA 4 REFTTEL. IT MIGHT BE SUFFICIENT FOR RESOLUTION MERELY TO TAKE NOTE OF NPT CONFERENCE AND AUTHORIZE SYG TO PROVIDE FACILITIES AND SERVICES, LEAVING IMPLEMENTATION TO SYG.

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